

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2017
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB407

Hearing Date: Thursday February 02, 2017
Committee On: Executive Board
Introducer: Pansing Brooks
One Liner: Create and provide duties for the Whiteclay Public Health Emergency Task Force

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Bolz, Chambers, Crawford, Hughes, Kuehn, McCollister, Watermeier
Nay:		
Absent:	1	Senator Scheer
Present Not Voting:	1	Senator Larson

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Patty Pansing Brooks
Senator Tom Brewer
Fernando Wilson
Mary Barry-Magsamen
Sherry Miller
Judi Gaiashkibos

Representing:

District 28
District 43
Self
St. Monica's Behavioral Health Services for Women
League of Women Voters
Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB407 creates the Whiteclay Public Health Emergency Task Force to be composed of an executive committee and an advisory committee.

The executive committee would consist of five voting members and five non-voting, ex-officio members:

The five voting members:

*The chairperson of State-Tribal Relations Committee;

*The chairperson of Health & Human Services;

*Three at-large members, one of whom shall be an official from UNMC appointed by the Chancellor and the other two appointed by the Executive Board.

The five non-voting, ex-officio members:

*The chief executive officer of DHHS or designee;

*The executive director of the Commission on Indian Affairs or designee;

*The executive director of the Dept. of Economic Development or designee;

*A public health expert; and

*A data analysis expert from UNMC appointed by the Chancellor.

The advisory committee of the task force would include at least ten, non-voting members appointed by the executive committee. The members of the advisory committee would represent advocacy groups in health care and economic development, academic experts in health care and economic development, service providers, educational institutions, workforce development agencies, and experts in Native American public health issues.

The task force is charged with examining public health implications of alcohol sales in Whiteclay and the surrounding area, with specific duties set forth in section 2 of the bill.

The task force is authorized to request information and appoint one or more special committees (from the public and private sector) to advise and assist the task force.

A preliminary report would be due before December 15th of 2017 and 2018. A final report would then be due before December 31, 2019. The task force terminates on December 31, 2019.

Explanation of amendments:

AM140 strikes references to an executive committee, an advisory committee, and one or more special committees.

In addition to the legislative committee chairpersons named in the bill, the amendment adds to the task force the chairpersons of the Appropriations and Judiciary Committees, plus an additional member of the State-Tribal Relations Committee. All of the standing committee chairpersons could name a designee. The legislative members are the only voting members of the task force.

Dan Watermeier, Chairperson